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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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Agricultural Research Service

TITLE: Patent License Application

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0518-0003

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: Public Law 96-517, HR 209 (Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 2000), and 37 CFR Part 404 requires Federal agencies to use the patent system to promote the utilization of inventions arising from federally supported research and provide the authority to grant patent licenses. 37 CFR 404.8 specifies the information which must be submitted by a patent license applicant to the Federal agency having custody of a patent.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) will collect identifying information on the applicant, identifying information for the business, and a detailed description for development and/or marketing of the invention using form AD-761. The information collected is used to determine whether the applicant has both a complete and sufficient plan for developing and marketing the invention and the necessary manufacturing, marketing, technical, and financial resources to carry out the submitted plan.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or households

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 75

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: On occasion

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 225

Agricultural Research Service

TITLE: Peer Review Related Forms for the Office of Scientific Quality Review

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0518-0028

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The Office of Scientific Quality Review (OSQR) oversees peer

review of Agricultural Research Service (ARS) research plans in response to Congressional mandate in the Agricultural Research Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (P.L. 105-185, Section 103d). The ARS peer-review panels are scientists who review current scientific research projects.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: ARS will collect the following information: confidentiality agreement, panelist information, peer review of an ARS research project, critique of ARS research project, panelist expense report, and panelist invoice. The information is used to manage the travel and stipend payments to panel reviewers and provide well-organized feedback to ARS's researchers about their projects. If information were not collected, ARS would not meet the administrative or legislative requirements of the Peer Review Process as mandated by Public Law 105-185; Section 103(d).

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Individuals or households

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 230

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: Quarterly; Weekly; Annually

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 3,057

Agricultural Research Service

TITLE: ARS Animal Health National Program Assessment Survey Form

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0518-0042

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) is charged with extending the Nation's scientific knowledge with research projects in agriculture, human nutrition, food safety, natural resources, the environment, and other topics affecting the Nation. Research in the Agency is conducted through coordinated National Programs on a five year

cycle. The cycle ensures that ARS research meets OMB's Research and Development Investment Criteria and other external requirements, including the Research Title of the Farm Bill, and the Government Performance and results Act of 1993 (GPRA). The ARS National Program 103 Animal Health (NP103) runs in a five year research cycle and is required to conduct a national program assessment to gather customer, stakeholder, and partner input to the next program cycle.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: The proposed assessment instrument will enable ARS to ascertain the level of customer and stakeholder satisfaction with the quality, relevance, and performance of its Animal Health research program. The information collected is also necessary to feed into the goals of the Program's next five year cycle. Failure to collect input from our customers on the performance and impact of our research program would significantly inhibit the relevance and credibility of the research conducted at ARS.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Individuals or households

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 400

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: Other (5 years)

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 100

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